



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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Teenagers of the new millennium have different concerns than teenagers 20 and 30 years ago. Violence on television, Internet predators, and violent video games are a few challenges facing the current generation of teenagers. Researchers estimate that by the time a child reaches his/her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, he/she will have witnessed approximately 72,000 incidents of violence on television. Parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the many issues and concerns affecting our youth in order to help provide a safe and secure atmosphere.

Today, a trend is occurring where teens are going unsupervised on Spring Break vacations and Summer Break getaways at a younger age. Instead of these destinations being filled only with college students, resorts are experiencing an even younger crowd... high school students. Below are some tips parents may consider if they choose to allow their child to go on vacation:

- ❑ Update teen and family contact information
- ❑ Have children travel in groups of three or more, use chaperones.
- ❑ Explain to children the dangers of going off with people they just met.
- ❑ A GPS cell phone may help parents locate the child's location.



From The Desk of  
Commander Sean  
Duggan

Our fourth operational goal, *enhancing traffic safety*, is a top priority for all District 1 personnel. In 2005, there were 10 traffic-related fatalities in the district. Nearly all the accidents were preventable and occurred because of driver inattention, recklessness or speed. As a result, we have placed an even higher priority on traffic safety this year focusing on both education and enforcement.

Since January, we have increased enforcement at high collision locations throughout the district. We are committed to making our roadways safe, and we are determined to enhance traffic safety in District 1.

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## Traffic Safety Zone

District 1 personnel will provide increased traffic enforcement in the area of Thomas Road and 68th Street. Please drive carefully

## Teen Safety continued

Bullying happens in every school, but it's the way it's dealt with that makes a difference. Bullies are very cunning and have become experts at getting away with acts of violence. Bullies need to know this type of behavior is not acceptable.

Bullies can frighten children so they are afraid to go to school. The child may pretend to be ill to avoid any confrontation with the bully. When children are bullied, it is important they tell a friend, a teacher, a principal and their parents. At times, the local police department and School Resource Officer should know about the situation. Normally, it will not stop unless the child notifies someone and asks for something to be done.

Bullying can start as early as the first grade. The threats become more violent as the child gets older. In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, bullying becomes more vocal and more threats are carried out.

- ❑ An estimated 160,000 children miss school every day out of fear of being bullied.
- ❑ Sixty six percent of youths are teased at least once a month and thirty-three percent are bullied once a month.
- ❑ Six out of 10 Americans witness bullying in school every day.
- ❑ Nearly one third of middle school students have been the object of sexual jokes, comments or gestures. Another 15 percent have been bullied or harassed because of their religion or race.
- ❑ One out of every ten child who drops out of school does it as a result of being bullied
- ❑ Victims of bullying are more likely to suffer physical problems such as colds and coughs, sore throats, poor appetites and night walking

If you would like to learn more about keeping your teen safe, please call Officer Kory Sneed at (480) 312-0275 or visit the United States Department of Education anti-bullying website, <http://www.ed.gov>. To schedule a program, contact your child's School Resource Officer and explain the concern regarding bullying or other issues.

## MAILBOX TIPS

This is the time of year many people receive their tax refunds in the mail. Be sure to check for your mail regularly as a safety precaution and follow these simple tips:

- ❑ If your mail stops, check with the Post Office. Sometimes a fraud perpetrator submits a change of address in an attempt to get your mail.
- ❑ If you apply for a new bank card or credit card and it does not arrive, contact the issuer.
- ❑ Never give out personal information unless you made the contact yourself.
- ❑ Invest in a cross-shredder and shred or destroy all mail solicitations, pre-approved offers, old bills or statements before trashing them.
- ❑ Remove your mail promptly from your mailbox and never use your mailbox for outgoing mail.

## Calendar of Events

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo from 4 to 10 p.m. Friday, May 5, on Scottsdale Civic Center Mall. The festival includes music, the Scottsdale International Club dancers, arts and crafts, dancing, and family fun. For details, call (480) 312-2711.

## The Scottsdale Police Department Wants You!



The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields: Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at [www.Scottsdalepd.com](http://www.Scottsdalepd.com) or contact Officer Greg Carlin at (480)312-5384, or e-mail: [gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov).